

rigid support member enclosed by an outer layer of a textile material.

5 5. The quickly releasable latching assembly
of claim 1 wherein said tongue includes a projecting
detent portion resisting unintentional disengagement of
said keeper from said tongue.

10 6. The quickly releasable latching assembly
of claim 1 including a connector loop mounted on one of
said adjacent portions of a sling and wherein said second
one of said opposite ends of said primary load carrying
member is interconnected with another of said adjacent
portions of said sling, and wherein a portion of said
15 connector loop is held releasably in said throat.

 7. The quickly releasable latching assembly
of claim 1 including a flexible retainer member attached
to said primary load carrying member and holding said
20 keeper in a predetermined position with respect to said
primary load carrying member.

25 8. A flexible connector for use in a sling,
comprising:
 (a) a flexible elongate tension bearing member
 having an intermediate portion and
 opposite first and second ends;
 (b) a loop carried on said first end;
30 (c) a toggle element mounted on said second
 end and releasably engageable with said
 loop; and

- (d) a strap-receiving ring mounted on said intermediate portion of said tension bearing member.

5 9. The connector of claim 8 wherein said elongate tension bearing member is of strap-like webbing material.

10 10. The connector of claim 8 including a flexible retainer member attached to said tension bearing member and holding said strap-receiving ring in a predetermined location along said intermediate portion thereof.

15 11. The flexible connector of claim 10 wherein said flexible retainer member is of ribbon-like textile material extending alongside and parallel with said intermediate portion.

20 12. The flexible connector of claim 11 including a pair of said strap-receiving rings and a stabilizer member located between said strap-receiving rings of said pair and engaged with said tension bearing member.

25 13. The flexible connector of claim 12 wherein said stabilizer member defines a pair of separate openings, said tension bearing member extending through one of said pair of openings and said flexible retainer member extending through the other of said pair of openings.

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 14. The flexible connector of claim 8 wherein said loop is substantially rigid.

15. The flexible connector of claim 8 wherein said strap-receiving ring encircles said intermediate portion of said tension bearing member.

5 16. A sling-mounting connector for attachment to a sling swivel of a firearm, comprising:

- (a) an elongate flexible strap having a pair of opposite first and second ends defining a longitudinal direction;
- 10 (b) a toggle member attached to said first end of the flexible strap member and movable with respect to said flexible strap-like member between a transition position oriented parallel with the strap and a
15 stopper position oriented generally transverse to the strap member;
- (c) a flexible ribbon-like locking tab attached to and extending from the toggle member, said locking tab being movable
20 into alignment with said strap when the toggle member is in said transition position, and movable into engagement with said toggle member so as to prevent
25 movement of said toggle member to said transition position when in such engagement therewith; and
- (d) a first attachment ring attached to said flexible strap adjacent said second end and facing transversely with respect to
30 said longitudinal direction.

17. The sling mounting connector of claim 16 also including a second attachment ring attached to said flexible strap adjacent said second end, said second

attachment ring facing oppositely away from said first attachment ring.

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18. The sling mounting connector of claim 17, in combination with a stock-encircling strap having a pair of opposite ends and a respective connecting stopper toggle member attached to each of said ends, each of said
10 connecting stopper toggle members being engaged with a respective one of said first and second attachment rings.

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19. The combination of claim 18 wherein said stock-encircling strap is adjustable in length.

20. The combination of claim 18 including a sling strap receiving loop attached to said stock-encircling strap.

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21. The combination of claim 18 including a spacer attached to said stock-encircling loop and keeping said sling strap receiving loop open to receive an end connector for a sling therein.

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22. The sling mounting connector of claim 16 wherein said toggle member is a tribar slide and said first strap is fastened in a loop extending around a central bar of said tribar slide.

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23. The sling mounting connector of claim 22 wherein said flexible ribbon-like locking tab is fastened in a loop around a side bar of said tribar slide.

24. A quickly extendible sling, comprising:

- (a) opposite first and second end portions;
- (b) a member defining a strap slide aperture associated with said second end portion;
- (c) an elongate main strap member, said main
5 strap member having a stationary first end
associated with said first end portion of
said sling and a first portion of said
main strap member extending from said
first end of said main strap member toward
10 said strap slide aperture, said elongate
main strap member extending slidably
through said strap slide aperture and said
slide aperture thereby separating a second
portion of said main strap member from
15 said first portion of said main strap
member, said second portion extending from
said first portion and having a traveling
end;
- (d) a selectively releasable device located at
20 said traveling end of said second portion
of said main strap member;
- (e) an engagement member attached to said
first portion, said selectively releasable
device being held releasably by said
25 engagement member, and said engagement
member preventing said selectively
releasable device from moving away from
said stationery first end along said first
portion beyond said engagement member when
30 said selectively releasable device is held
by said engagement member; and
- (f) a selectively releasable latching assembly
releasably interconnecting said second
portion of said main strap member with

said selectively releasably device, said latching assembly including:

- (i) an elongate primary load carrying member having opposite first and second ends, said first end of said primary load carrying member being interconnected with said second portion of said main strap member;
- (ii) a substantially rigid tongue having opposite inner and outer ends;
- (iii) a hinge portion extending between and interconnecting said second end of said primary load carrying member and said inner end of said tongue, said primary load carrying member, said tongue, and said hinge portion together defining a throat; and
- (iv) a keeper mounted on said primary load carrying member and releasably engaging said outer end of said tongue.